

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 577

Akehurst House

16206 Yeoho Road

Sparks, Baltimore County

1880 ca.

Private

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The Akehurst House is a one-and-a-half-story vernacular schoolhouse that was significantly altered in 1942 when the building was converted into a private residence. The original portion of the solid random rubble building is four bays wide with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The pedimented gable peak is clad in weatherboard. One coursed rubble stone chimney projects from the center of the roof ridge. Two gabled dormers, each of which is clad in weatherboard and pierced by two six-light casement windows, project from the roof. The building features a side entry with a six-paneled single-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround. A one-bay-square porch with a shed roof supported by square wood posts shelters the entry. The façade, or south elevation, is additionally pierced by one 8/8 window with a molded wood surround and four paired eight-light vinyl casement windows below weatherboard panning. The latter two window openings have been altered from their original sash pattern. All three windows feature square-edged wood lintels and stone sills. In 1942, the building was significantly augmented by the construction of a one-story, weatherboard-clad addition on the west elevation. At this time, a one-story, two-bay-wide screened porch with a shed roof was built onto the north elevation of the school

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Akehurst House

2. Location

street and number 16206 Yeoho Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Michael P. Rusager

street and number 16206 Yeoho Road telephone Not Available

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11810 folio 234

city, town Towson tax map 27 tax parcel 29 tax ID number 0501033076

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1880 ca.-1924 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1880 ca., 1942

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877); see also *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1880, the Akehurst House has been associated with the one acre of land known as tax parcel 29 of map 27 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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TRAILERES

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SE CORNER

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NW CORNER

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AKEHURST HOUSE - c. 1885 - West side of Yeoho Road, 0.7 mile north of Cold Bottom Road. Stone school house, reworked as a residence incorporating dormers and porches; gable roof; double doors and vestibules. In coursed rubble, functional style. Constructed by stonemason John Hagar. Rebuilt in 1883 after a fire. Closed in 1924. Sold off, 1931. Excellent condition. Owners: Eva E. and S. Virginia Akehurst.